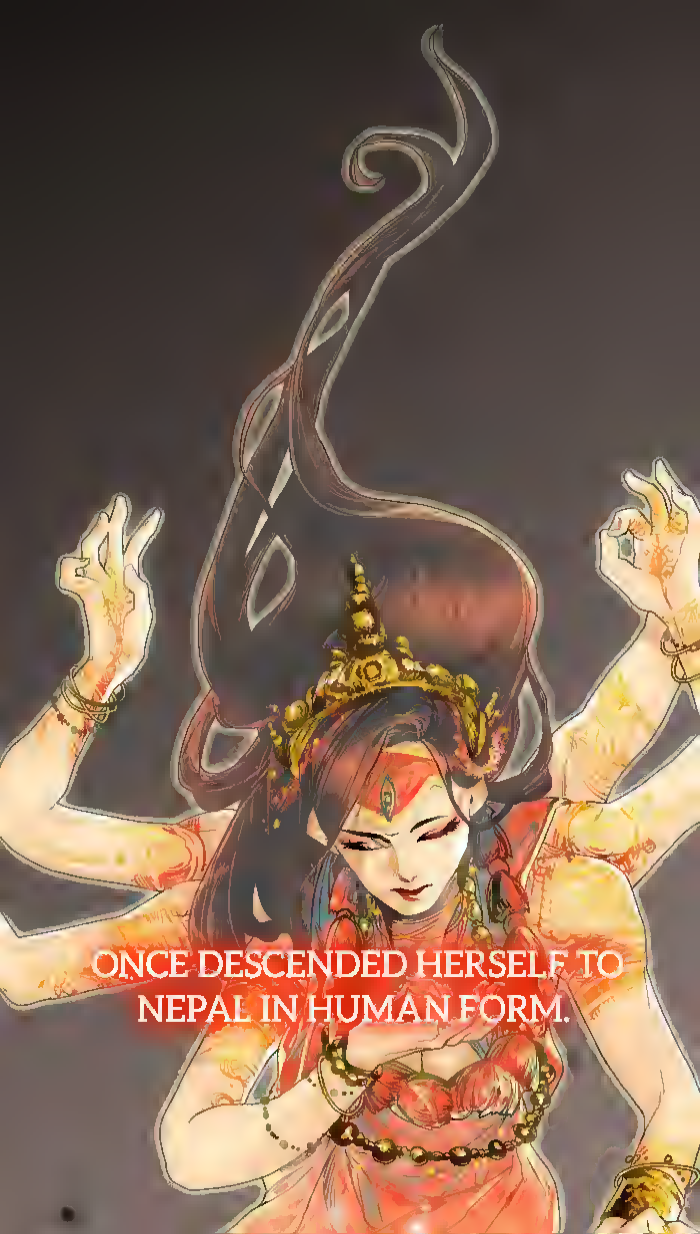
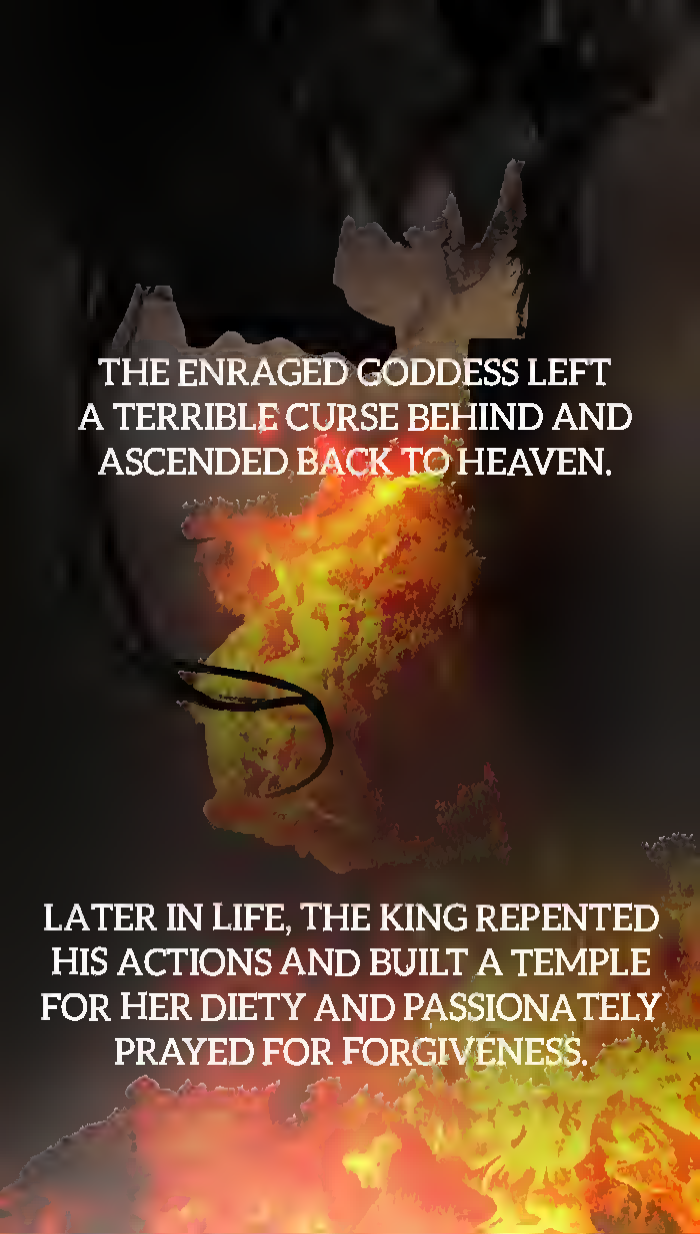
THE GODDESS TALEJU


ONCE DESCENDED HERSELF TO
NEPAL IN HUMAN FORM.

THE KING WAS CAPTURED
BY HER GODLY BEAUTY,
AND MADE THE MISTAKE
OF TRYING TO VIOLATE HER.


THE ENRAGED GODDESS LEFT
A TERRIBLE CURSE BEHIND AND
ASCENDED BACK TO HEAVEN.
LATER IN LIFE, THE KING REPENTED
HIS ACTIONS AND BUILT A TEMPLE
FOR HER DIETY AND PASSIONATELY
PRAYED FOR FORGIVENESS.

THE GODDESS THEN, ORDERED
HIM TO CHOOSE A YOUNG GIRL
TO BE WORSHIPPED AS HER VESSEL

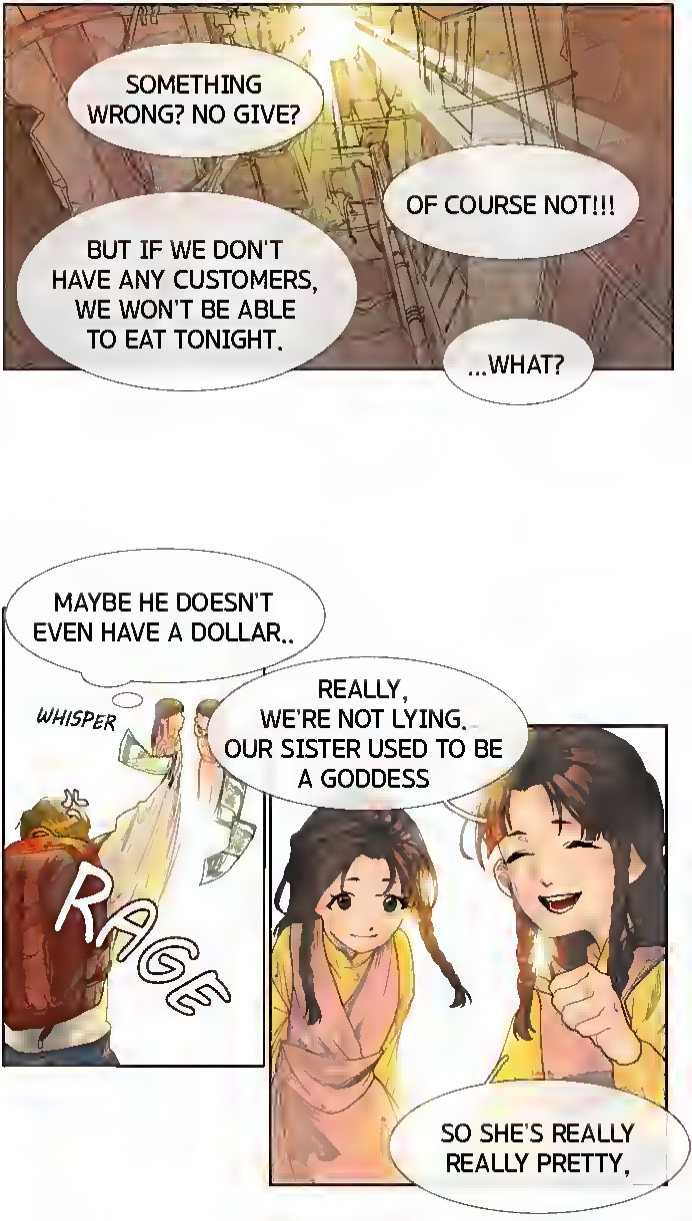
THE KING FOLLOWED AND SELECTED YOUNG INNOCENT GIRLS BETWEEN AGES OF THREE AND FIVE FOR WORSHIPPING

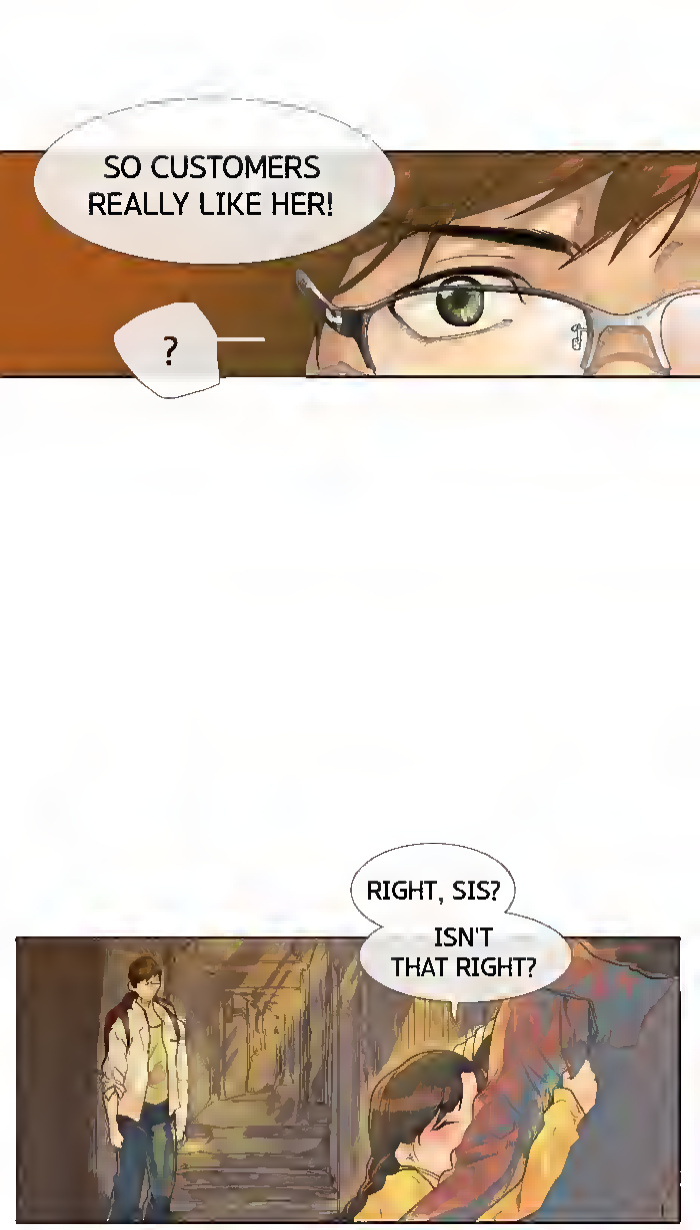
THESE GIRLS BECAME KNOWN AS THE KUMARI.

*BASED ON THE ACTUAL KUMARI LEGEND IN NEPAL

HI~
STEP
STEP
HAHAHA..
STEP STEP

HEHE
MISTER, ONE DOLLAR, PLEASE
ONE DOLLAR, ONE DOLLAR.
WAIT, SO YOU LIED ABOUT THE PATIENTS BEING HERE, RIGHT?
UH OH! BUSTED!
WE'LL DO NICE THINGS FOR YOU. GIVE US ONE DOLLAR!
IT'S STUFF THAT MEN LIKE!
YOU'LL FEEL GOOD.
SHOUT
W-WHAT'RE YOU KIDS TALKING ABOUT!!!!!


SOMETHING WRONG? NO GIVE?
OF COURSE NOT!!!
BUT IF WE DON'T HAVE ANY CUSTOMERS, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO EAT TONIGHT.
...WHAT?
MAYBE HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A DOLLAR..
WHISPER
RAGE
REALLY, WE'RE NOT LYING. OUR SISTER USED TO BE A GODDESS
SO SHE'S REALLY REALLY PRETTY,


SO CUSTOMERS REALLY LIKE HER!
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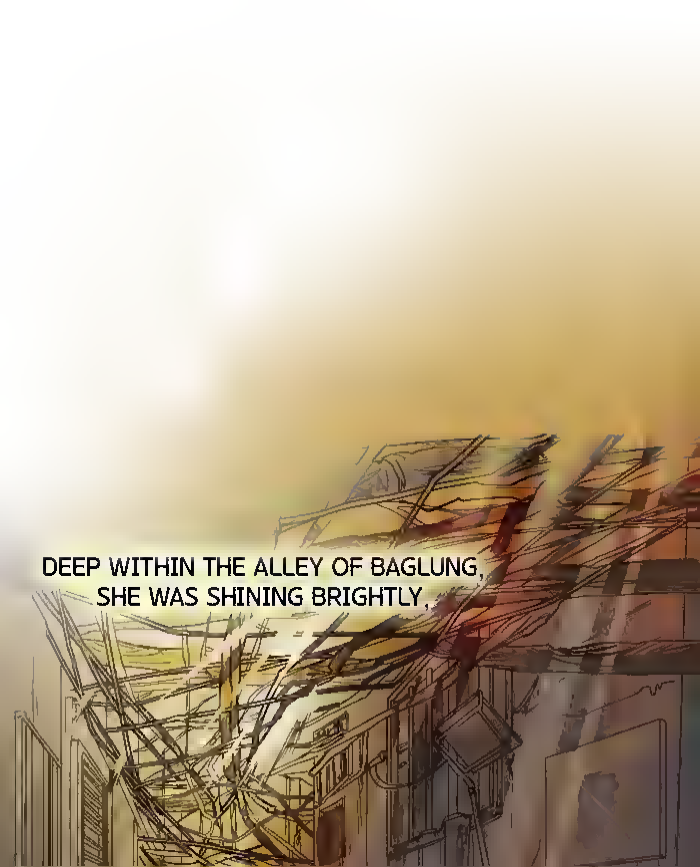
RIGHT, SIS?
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

WAS A SLOWLY WITHERING
BUT BEAUTIFUL WILDFLOWER-


DEEP WITHIN THE ALLEY OF BAGLUNG,
SHE WAS SHINING BRIGHTLY.

*BAGLUNG = THE RED LIGHT DISTRICT OF NEPAL. THERE ARE MANY BROTHELS GATHERED IN THIS PLACE

AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH A FALLEN GODDESS.

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BEGINS NOW